

GERRYMANDER OF THE SENATE DISTRICTS VOID

Court Declares There
Must Be New Deal Be-
fore Next Election.

HUGHES GAINS POWER.

Decision Will Help Force Sen-
ators Into Line for
Reform.

ALBANY, April 4.—The Court of Appeals yesterday, by a vote of five to two, upset the new apportionment of the Senate districts adopted by the Legislature of 1900. The whole act, the court declared, is unconstitutional and void.

The decision caused some consternation in the Legislature. Its political effect is far-reaching, as it makes necessary, in order to overcome the constitutional defects resulting from the combination of Queens and Richmond into one Senate district, a readjustment of many up-State Senate districts. This, it is pointed out, will put Gov. Hughes in a position to force reluctant Senators into line for his reform measures.

The decision of the court is based upon conditions in the Richmond-Queens district and the Thirtieth district, represented by Christie Sullivan. Queens County, the court holds, is entitled to a Senator of its own. In creating the Thirtieth district, the Legislature, according to the court, grossly violated the constitutional provision as to compactness.

The prevailing opinion was written by Judge Chase and concurred in by Judges Chiles, Vann, Gray and Willard. The effect of overturning the apportionment of 1900 is set forth in the opinion of Chief Justice Callen, who says:

"While the courts cannot pass on the title of any member of the Legislature, they can control the action of administrative officers in the conduct of the next election that takes place."

"If the present Legislature should pass a new apportionment bill in compliance with the provisions of the Constitution, the next general election at which members of either house are to be elected will be held under the new statute. If the Legislature fails to discharge this duty, then the election must be held in accordance with the apportionment under the Constitution of 1895. In other words, while the courts cannot interfere with the present Legislature, they can compel future elections to be held in compliance with the Constitution."

Assembly Districts Wrong, Too.

E. B. Whitney, who successfully argued the appeal from the decision of the lower courts, made this comment on the decision today:

"The present assembly districts were laid out under the present districting, which is now wiped out. Hence, they cannot stand. This apparently involves the re-districting of the party organizations in New York City, and perhaps other cities."

"In my opinion, the Legislature, to be safe, will have to divide Westchester County into two districts and join Richmond with Rockland."

"The Legislature will have to seriously consider whether it is not important for it to perform the long-neglected constitutional duty of enacting a statute providing a method of obtaining judicial review of an apportionment. The absence of such a statute requires the overthrow of the entire apportionment, if in any particular it is invalid."

ALFRED DE CORDOVA, NOTED BANKER, DEAD

After Long Fight Against
Disease, End Comes in
the Spencer Arms.

After a long illness with a complication of heart and kidney trouble, Alfred De Cordova, the retired banker, died last night at 10:30 o'clock, in his apartments at the Spencer Arms, Sixty-ninth street and Broadway. He had been kept alive for several days by the administration of oxygen.

Mr. De Cordova went to Atlantic City two weeks ago upon the advice of his physician, but his malady became more pronounced, and he was compelled to return to the city. He was the founder of the banking house of Alfred De Cordova & Co. and was one of the best known financiers of his day. Before his retirement six years ago he was identified with some of the largest operations in Wall Street.

Mr. De Cordova first became a member of the Black Exchange in 1878. His partner being Howell Osborn. In 1881 Osborn withdrew and Mr. De Cordova became associated with his two brothers. They were of Portuguese descent, but were born in Jamaica. When he sold his Black Exchange seat in 1898 he received the highest price on record—\$60,000.

Mr. De Cordova, who was born in 1841, was married when thirty-two, years old, his wife being Mrs. Lawrence. Her maiden name was Helena L. Schneider. She and her husband were deeply interested in horses and had a fine stable.

FAIRBANKS A STRAP-HANGER.

Vice-President Fairbanks, unrecognized by any of his fellow-passengers, rode from Thirty-third to Bleecker Street, where he was seized by a thief.

50c Genuine Guyot Suspenders, 37c

Bretelles' Genuine French Guyot Suspenders, for Friday only, at 37c. These suspenders are sold at a standard price of 50c. They are in white and colors. We will sell only one pair to a customer, and no mail orders or none C. O. D.

Extraordinary Friday Shopping Offers

We have arranged for one of the biggest day's business since the opening of the Spring season and assure those who are interested in new apparel that there are hundreds of magnetic values besides those described in this advertisement. Every department is displaying bright, new goods and prices are exceedingly low.

Exclusive Spring Millinery

Our Trimmed Hats Department has gained an enviable reputation by its large assortment of exquisite styles and the popular prices that prevail. All the latest and most distinctive novelties from Paris in a variety that smart dressers appreciate. Glance at the prices we quote and then see the hats. We believe you will not find anything to equal them in New York. Our prices for these beautiful trimmed hats are

\$10, \$15 and \$22.50

Misses' \$3.50 Trimmed Hats.

Misses' Trimmed Hats, made on a new frame of horse hair braid. Crown and upper brim faced with shirred and tucked chiffon and trimmed with a large bow of silk. Colors are black, navy, brown, champagne, leather, light blue, red and pink. Friday at.....**\$1.98**

\$4.50 Ready-to-Wear Hats.

Hats, like picture on the left, made of silk horse hair and trimmed with all silk ribbon, chiffon and quills. Were to sell from \$4.50. Friday at.....**\$2.98**

Women's Semi-Trimmed Hats.

Hand-made, semi-trimmed hats, made in the wheel effect of silk horsehair braid, with a combination of fine quality of chiffon. These hats are in all the new shapes and colors. Worth \$3. Friday at.....**\$1.98**

Women's Untrimmed Hats.

New China and Japanese rough braid untrimmed hats, the fad of the season—made in the new mushroom and short front shapes in black and tussan. These hats are worth \$1.25. Friday at.....**75c**

Men's \$1.00 Negligee Shirts, 50c

Men's negligee shirts are exactly half price. There are 150 dozen of them and they are all this season's goods. They are made by one of Philadelphia's leading manufacturers, and by hard work we secured these shirts at a figure so low that we can sell them at 50c. Fine Madras shirts in white and colored effects; all full size and custom finished throughout. Sizes 14 to 17.

Men's 75c Balbriggan Underwear, 45c

Men's balbriggan underwear, light weight, in ecru and white. They are with long or short sleeves; some with silk fronts. The drawers are made to match, with reinforced gussets. All regular sizes.

Sheet Music, 9c

Friday and Saturday.

None C. O. D. and add 5c extra for postage on each copy if by mail.

Let's Sing—
World in Mine,
You Were Made for Me,
Aval Wana,
Somebody Loves Me,
You're a Wonderful One,
The Church is the Home,
Hallelujah,
If the Man in the Moon Was a Coon,
Bimby Moon,
In the Morning,
Dear Louise,
I'm Sorry.

INSTRUMENTAL.

Cherry Tree—
Paddy Whack,
Old Time Fiddle,
Stirring Mood Inter-
lude,
Last Kiss Waltz,
Waltz—Willie Wee,
Mourning Star Two-
Step,
Sunny South,
We also offer a large collection of classical music at 5c per copy.

Women's Long \$1.00

Lisle Gloves,

Women's lisle thread, 12-button mousquetaire gloves in black, white and tan. These gloves retail regularly at \$1.50.

Women's 2-Clasp 15c

Gloves,

Women's 2 pearl clasp lisle thread gloves in brown, tan, white, gray, navy, etc. These gloves sold regularly in our stock at 39c.

Women's 29c, to 15c

35c. Hosiery,

Women's hosiery that we can retail regularly from 29c to 35c, a pair, at 15c on Friday only. There are in this lot silk lisle gauze hose in black or tan; lace openwork lisle hose in black or tan and imported cotton hose; fast black, with unbleached split feet.

Infants' Goods.

Children's 75c.

Chambray Dresses, 50c

Children's chambray dresses made in the Russian style, with belt and embroidered emblem on the front. On blood and blue only; sizes from 2 to 5 years.

Children's White 98c

Lawn Dresses,

Children's white lawn dresses, made in the French style with 3 rows of embroidery, side plaited front and hem-stitched ruffle around neck and sleeves. Sizes from 2 to 5 years.

Children's \$2.75 \$1.98

Coats,

Children's coats in small black and white checks, made in the box effect; double breasted; trimmed with collar and cuffs. Sizes from 2 to 5 years.

Children's 29c.

Muslin Drawers, 15c

Children's muslin drawers, made with ruffle of embroidery; others are fine tucked. Sizes from 1 to 14 years.

We Sell More Real Laces Than Any Other Store in America.

EHRLICH BROS.

Mail Orders Promptly and Carefully Filled. 6th Ave., 22d to 23d St., N. Y.

Corset Service

The celebrated R. & G. Corsets, made of fine batiste, with high bust and small tapering waist and long, close fitting hips, with four hose supporters attached. Every woman knows that these corsets are manufactured to sell for \$1.00, and that 75c means a saving of 25c. They will give perfect service.

85c Domestic 50c

Corsets,

Domestic Corsets, made of extra good quality coutil with medium high bust, dip hip and have four garters attached. Easy, comfortable, long-wearing corsets.

Liberty Hand Sewing Machines \$1.25

Regular price is \$2.50. Everywhere. We have 1,000 of the celebrated Liberty Hand Sewing Machines that we will place on sale to-morrow. These machines are marvellously perfect and will accomplish surprisingly perfect stitching. The regular list price is \$2.50. The 1,000 on hand will be sold for \$1.25 each.

Women's \$3 Pumps and Gibson Ties \$1.98

Women's pumps and Gibson ties, in all the latest styles. The pumps are made of gummatel, patent leather and Russian calf, with high Cuban heels and a very wide silk bow. The ties are in vicl kidskin and are made with hand-turned soles and Cuban heels; three large eyelets and wide silk ribbon laces.

Women's \$4 Pumps and Gibson Ties, a pair \$2.98

Women's hand-turned and hand-sewed pumps and Gibson ties. They are all made in the latest styles and in gummatel, patent calf, dull kid, brown vicl and brown suede. Cuban or low walking heels.

Silks by the Yard

Rough Pongees, foreign and domestic Shantung, colored taffetas, crepe de Chines, fancy crepes, black habutais, black taffetas, satins, Indias, brocades and rough Shantung. There are about 4,000 yards of rough Shantung in lengths less than 12 yards alone—and the popularity of this silk this season is responsible for this great amount of remnant. None C. O. D. and no mail orders.

25c, 39c and 49c a Yard.

69c Corded Wash Silks, 49c

The finest quality of corded silk ever imported, and we have them in a large assortment.

Imported Black Silks

About 2,000 yards of imported and domestic black taffetas left from our recent week sale, in lengths from 2 1/2 to 9 1/2 yards. We have marked these silks at greatly reduced prices.

75c Washable Louisines, 49c

Washable Louisines, 33 inches wide. An ideal, lustrous Summer fabric. They are in brown, champagne, caetor, reseda, violet, pink, sky blue, black, cream and white.

Women's \$1.50 White Lawn Waists, A New Design, 98c

Women's white lawn waists, made with square yoke of lace with a stripe of embroidery and Val. insertion through body. Side plaited back and attached tucked collar.

White Lawn Waists, \$1.48

Women's white lawn waists, made with a tucked yoke of Val. insertion; embroidery and lace insertion; embroidery and lace insertion through body. Side plaited back; exceptional value.

Women's \$2.50 Lawn Waists, \$1.98

Women's fine lawn waists, made with a pointed yoke of fine Val. lace and embroidered insertion. Tucked and lace trimmed through body; baby tucked back; tucked sleeves.

Women's \$4.00 China Silk Waists, \$2.98

Women's China silk waists, made with fine tucking down the front in Marie Antoinette style. Plaited cuffs; they are in black, white and brown.

SALVAGE SALE OF LACE CURTAINS,

Curtain Nets, Vestibule Laces, Mattresses and Pillows Continues.

Purchased from Underwriters' Salvage Co., 5 to 15 Sullivan St., New York. The Insurance Companies rescued these goods from the fires which damaged Gutman, Levy & Co., 6 West 22d Street, and S. Baerlin & Co., 3 and 5 West 18th Street.

Some of these goods were hurt by water, others are in perfect condition; but the same low prices prevail throughout. A few samples:

Lace Curtains at 20c a Pair. **Lace Curtains at \$1.00 a Pair.**

Lace Curtains at 49c a Pair. **Lace Curtains at \$1.50 a Pair.**

Lace Curtains at 75c a Pair. **Lace Curtains at \$2.00 a Pair.**

Study These Sensational Values

Valenciennes Laces for curtains and other uses; worth 7c; special, a yard 1c

Real Renaissance Motifs; worth 65c each; special at 5c

Ruffled Muslin Curtains, 5,000 pairs in all, special 22c

Real Boune Femme Curtains, in white and Arabian; worth \$2.50; special, each 85c

Real Cluny Laces, insertions and Edgings, worth 45c; special, a yard 12c

\$1.25 Tapestry Couch Covers, 55c

Tapestry Couch Covers; reversible; made with a fringe all around.

Extra Strong Frame for This Sliding Bed Couch, \$4.98

Extra strong frame, made of heavy tempered steel, heavily braced. National fabric springs, supported by metal ends, can be separated and used as two separate frames, complete with mattress and bolsters, covered in new and pretty designs of colored damask. Regular price \$10. Special price.....**\$4.98**

Portieres from the Big Fire Sale.

Rope Portieres, in all colors; special.....**69c**

300 Pairs of Portieres, including Armour's Macerized and 300 other kinds; special, from.....**\$8.00 up to \$20.00**

Bamboo-Portieres in all colors; special.....**89c**

Ribbed Combination Suits, 45c.

Women's ribbed Combination Suits, low neck and trimmed with crocheted lace. Wide Umbrella drawers trimmed with lace. Sizes 4-5-6. These suits are sold regularly for \$1.00.

Children's Combination Suits, 19c.

Children's Combination Suits, with high neck, long or short sleeves; knee drawers. These suits will fit children from 2 to 10 years; sell regularly at 39c.

Big Friday Coat Values

Special offers for one day that possess more desirability than any we have advertised in some time. An inspection will convince you of the truth of what we say.

\$10 Covert Box Coats,

\$10 Broadcloth Box Coats,

\$5.75

\$10 Chiffon Taffeta Etons,

\$10 Chiffon Taffeta Ponys,



The most wonderful \$10 coats on the market, for Friday only, at \$5.75. There are covert coats, made in the new box model, black broadcloth coats in the box and pony coat styles, chiffon taffeta Eton coats and chiffon taffeta ponys coats. Some of these coats are lined with taffeta, some with white satin, and a few with gray satin. These are the greatest coat bargains we have offered this season and would ask you to pay particular attention when you look at them that the price is only \$5.75.

Women's \$22 & \$25 Dresses, \$14.25

Lingerie Princess, \$14.25

Women's chiffon taffeta and fancy net dresses. The chiffon taffeta dresses are in the new striped silks and the lingerie Princess dresses are trimmed with German Val. lace. These handsome values will all go on Friday at \$14.25.



Women's \$14.25 Sample Suits,

Women's sample suits at sample prices. There are suits in this lot that can be sold from \$22.00 to \$25.00. There are Eton suits in the new Gibson style, Pony Coat suits with the new cutaway front and Prince Chap suits with double and single breasted fronts.

Skirt Sale of the Season

An opportunity to provide yourself with dress skirts at prices that have never been approached for economy. See them. Examine them closely and you will agree. Sizes to fit all women.

Women's \$4.00 Worsted Skirts, \$1.75

4-Hour Sale, from 9 A. M. till 1 P. M.



Skirts made of extra quality worsted in check mixtures in light, medium and dark shades of gray. They are made in the latest cluster plaited model, with two bias folds of material on the bottom. These skirts can be sold ordinarily for \$4.00. None C. O. D. and none by mail.

Women's \$5 Chiffon \$2.75

Panama Skirts,

4 Hours, from 9 A. M. till 1 P. M.

Women's chiffon Panama skirts, made in the full plaited model. They are in black, blue and brown only. These skirts will not be sold after 1 P. M.; so we would advise you to come early and take your pick. None C. O. D. and none by mail.



Combination Skirt and Waist Forms, \$1.89

Combination Waist and Skirt Forms, with Jersey covered waist and wire skirt. The skirt can be adjusted to any length. They are in all sizes, from 32 to 40 bust. These are positively worth \$3 each.

Maids' \$2.00 Dresses \$1.25

Maids' dresses, of plain chambray, in blue only. The waist is tucked in back and front; full sleeves, with deep cuffs. The skirt is gored and the waist can be used as a separate shirt waist.

Women's Lisle or 39c Cotton Hose, 65c

Women's tan lisle or cotton hose in all the new shades; double soles. These same hose sell regularly at 50c.

Women's \$1.00 Lisle Thread Hose, 65c

Women's lisle thread hose in all the new shades of tan; lace openwork and handsomely embroidered.



Men's \$12 and \$15 Suits and Raincoats, \$7.50

The great clothing business we did before Easter naturally leaves us odd lots in clothing. We have collected all the odd lots in suits and raincoats that have been selling for \$12 and \$15 and mark them for Friday only at \$7.50.

Men's \$20 Top Coats, \$10

The suits are of fine striped worsteds, blue serges, black Thibets and fancy cassimeres. The top coats are in the new herringbone, black unfinished worsteds and new effects in covert. The raincoats are in all the new shades for Spring wear. These garments are positively worth \$20.00 and we could easily ask that for them.

4-Hour Sale from 1 P. M. till 5 P. M.

Men's \$10 Suits, \$5.00

Men's single-breasted black Thibet, fancy chevrot and cassimere suits. Sizes from 30 to 46 chest.

Men's \$5 fancy worsted trousers, \$2.98.

Men's \$3.50 fancy worsted trousers, \$1.98.

Boys' \$6.00 Knee Pants Suits, \$3.98

Boys' knee pants suits, made of fine mixtures in chevrots, worsteds and cassimere. All of these garments are in the latest Spring models. They include Buster Brown, Russian and sailor blouse suits, in sizes from 2 1/2 to 8 years and double-breasted belt coat suits, in sizes from 7 to 16 years.

Boys' \$5.00 Knee Pants Suits, \$2.98

Boys' knee pants suits, made of stylish dark and fancy mixtures. Styles from 2 1/2 to 15 years.

Boys' \$3.50 Knee Pants Suits, \$1.98

Boys' knee pants suits, made of all wool chevrot, cassimere and black Thibet. Sizes from 2 1/2 to 15 years.

Carpets, Rugs, Linoleums

All wool Brussels Carpets, slightly damaged, but the damage is hardly noticeable; value 85c; special, a yard.....**45c**

Columbia Ingrain Carpet, slightly imperfect, hurt by water; value 55c; special, a yard.....**28c**

200 Maffit Carpets; as a special clearing we sell these at prices ranging from \$45.00 down to.....**\$5**

Bring Room Measurements When You Come for These Bargains.

Tapestry Brussels Rugs.

Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 9x12 feet; slightly imperfect—but the imperfections are scarcely noticeable. Value \$18.98, at.....**\$8.75**

Imported English Linoleum, slightly imperfect. This is the quality that sells at 85c; Friday, a yard.....**45c**

Genuine Cork Linoleum, cut from the full rolls; sell regularly for 75c; a yard.....**35c**

For Sale from 8 to 10 A. M. and from 2 to 3 P. M.

Imported Inlaid Linoleum, best quality; value \$2.25 a yard 98c



Granite Art Squares.

Granite Art Squares in all sizes from 6x9 to 9x12. We sacrifice this entire line of art squares for this sale at the following prices:

Value \$2.00—size 6 x 9.....**\$1.80**

Value \$1.50—size 6 x 9.....**\$1.40**

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